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EDIFICATION AND COMFORT

People Need Encouragement in These Days of Gloom And Sorrow.

God's Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways And we Must Conform to His Ways.

God has provided great blessings for the human race. While all get a share, He has special blessings for His faithful children. This is shown by the words of Jesus when He said He would manifest Himself unto His saints in a manner that He would not unto the world.

If God has any favorites at all they are His faithful children that love and obey Him. But this does not mean He will keep them free from afflictions, but it means He will deliver them from or out of the afflictions in His own good way. Psalms 34:19.

Afflictions fell upon Paul so thick and fast that he even despaired of life (2 Cor. 1:8). This was not because he had done wrong, but it was rather because he had done right and the devil and the world were combined to make it rough for him.

Some people seem to think that trouble comes on people because they do wrong. They think that if sickness overtakes one it is because that one has done wrong in some way. But who would condemn Paul and say he did wrong when he suffered such awful affliction at the hands of the Jews? Or who would condemn Job and say he did wrong when God Himself said he was a perfect man? Both of these men had the approval of God and yet He suffered them tormented and afflicted until they despaired of life.

I see that same old spirit is still in the world that was in Job's miserable comforters. I do not want to get it in me. It is my desire to bring edification and comfort instead of criticism and condemnation.

When Job's three friends came to him they were speechless for a whole week and after they were finally able to speak, among the first words that were spoken were not words of comfort or cheer or edification, but words of condemnation. Eliphaz spoke first and among other things said, "Who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the righteous cut off? Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed?"

This is the same as to say, Now Job, you have sinned; you have done wickedly or this calamity and sickness would not have come upon you. Right at a time when he needed some edification and comfort he had to take a long blast of condemnation and criticism. Then in a few minutes Eliphaz told of a vision he had and of course in the vision he was instructed about where Job's faults were.

This reads like some I have heard of in our day. Listen, "Now a thing was secretly brought to me," said this allwise (?) Eliphaz, "and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my

bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up." Then followed the words of accusation and condemnation of Job. Eliphaz had got a message for Job telling him he was sick because he had sinned and done some form of wickedness.

I have heard of experiences similar to this in our day, where some one would be awakened in the night so they could not sleep and they would get a message for some poor sufferer and as soon as possible they would unload a great heap of condemnation upon the innocent sufferer that already had almost more than he could bear up under.

After these men had largely spent themselves upon Job trying to convince him of his wrongs and urging him to repent, and God would heal him, he finally said, "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are ye all. Shall vain words have an end? I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake my head at you. But I would strengthen you with my mouth. (This is to say, I would edify and comfort you). And the moving of my lips should assuage your grief."

These are the words of a perfect man, because God acknowledged that Job was a perfect and an upright man before he was ever afflicted. He said that if he should find his friends in distress and under the cruel hand of disease he would comfort them and assuage their grief instead of heaping more upon them by pouring out upon them a volley of condemnation.

This same spirit of condemnation prevailed in the time of Christ, for when Jesus and His disciples came to the man born blind His disciples took it as a matter of course that somebody had sinned and caused the man to be blind. The query in their mind was to find out who was guilty. Somebody had sinned, there was no question about that, but who was it? They had been taught that kind of doctrine and they thought it was just that way. They asked Jesus to explain the matter to them. This He did: to their question, "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" He replied, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents."

Job's experience and Jesus' teaching should forever banish from our minds the thought that somebody has to sin before somebody can be sick. I admit that the sin of our foreparents in the garden of Eden made a way for sickness to come, but this does not say the one that is sick is guilty of sin as a direct cause for his sickness.

When Paul went away and left Trophimus sick at Miletum He did not pour a volley of condemnation upon him and accuse him of being wrong as a cause for not being healed. No, he speaks of him in a kind of loving manner and merely states a fact. If Job's "miserable comforters" were to be examples, and their teaching to be followed, I guess Paul would have thrown a volley of condemnation upon Trophimus

before he left him. But there is no record or hint of such a thing. Instead of heaping up condemnation upon the sufferers Paul said, "Let all things be done unto edifying." (1 Cor. 14:26). And edification is the very opposite of condemnation. Edification means to build up and encourage, instead of blast the hopes and discourage.

People need encouragement in these days of gloom and sorrow instead of volleys of words that tend to discourage. How Paul was blest by the brethren when they came from Rome and met him at Appiifomum, and the three taverns. They edified him; they encouraged and blest him for Luke said of him that "he thanked God, and took courage." They did not meet Paul with a frown and tell him he had done something wrong or he would not be bound with that awful chain and a condemned prisoner. One special one did not come up and begin to say like Eliphaz that he had been awakened the night before and could not sleep any more because he felt such a burden because God had revealed to him that there is something wrong or you would not be brought in this awful trouble. No sir, they did not condemn Paul, but they encouraged and blest him. They administered to him edification and comfort.

When Jesus and the apostles healed so many people I see no trace on the record of where they required the sick ones to make any confessions and get right so they could be healed. It was enough for them to be sick without heaping more trouble upon them, so the multitudes were healed and often there were no questions asked. God's ways are higher than our ways and we must conform to His ways.

When the centurion came to Jesus and told of his servant that was so seriously sick Jesus did not say he had done wrong or he would not have been sick, He merely said, "I will come and heal him." He did not add, "if he will meet the conditions," "I will heal him." He said, "I will come and heal him." One of the loving and tender expressions that Jesus made during His ministry was, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17).

If we do not have the power to heal the folks when they are sick I see no benefit in accusing them because they are not healed. When Jesus spit on the blind man's eyes and put His hands on him, and he was not fully healed, He did not say to him, "Now if you had met conditions you would have been healed," neither did He accuse any one. He only "put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up." Then he was restored.

The great need of those who have the spirit of Eliphaz, and the other two friends (?) of Job, is to get deeper into God themselves and cease condemning one another when results do not follow. In my twenty-five years of experience as a Christian I have noticed that the deepest saints scarcely ever see the faults of others. People usually see things on their own plain. Jesus illustrates this in His sermon on the mount. Listen at Him, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And

why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

Paul tells us to "follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (Rom. 14:19.) This is the very opposite from causing division and discord and dissatisfaction and hurting the spirits of one another by the use of rasping words and condemning sentences. "He that propheseth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (1 Cor. 14:3) Preaching that does not measure to this cannot be called prophecy.

Edification means to build up and not to tear down. Exhortation means to encourage people to do right and not to drive or force them. Comfort means to bring peace and happiness instead of wounds and bruises under the influence of the same spirit that was in Job's miserable comforters.

To the Church Paul writes in endearing words when he says, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." (1 Thes. 5:11.) This is good advice to every local church to-day and the whole Church of God. If this is done there will be no confusion. If this is done there will be no backbiting, no devouring of one another, no condemning, no mote hunting, no hurt feelings, no crosses, no criticisms, no accusations whether false or true; but the Church will be built up in holy faith and love and the sick will be healed and souls will be saved and such love among the members until outsiders will be melted to tears and call for prayers.

If I cannot edify by my conversation or my preaching I had better not talk nor preach. If my messages do not edify I had better give no messages. I read where Paul says, "Let all things be done unto edifying." He explains this by saying what may be done, but all must be done in a way to edify. Whether a Psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation. All of these must be in a manner to build up and bless or they had better be left off. Edification and comfort should be the object of every message and every conversation.

Again Paul says, "Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." Try to build it up. Encourage one another. Help one another. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification." (Rom. 15:2.)

Let us find God's ways and follow them. His ways are higher than our ways. God is love and if we conform to His ways as we should we must become a mass of love. When we have this white heated love we will not feel like accusing some sick sufferer of being wrong if he is not healed instantly when prayer is offered. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." (Rom. 13:10.) If I work ill to my neighbor in any way then I am short of the love I need. Love will not be unfriendly, nor do any harm to a neighbor nor wrong him in any manner.

I suppose a baptism of love would cure many ills, and prevent many hard feelings, griefs and heart aches. If there are any people on earth that ought to be free from stinging expressions and rasping words I suppose it ought to be those who are filled with the Holy Ghost. A sufficient amount of love will regulate all these ills. "Above all things have fervent charity

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

As worked by The Elders in Council
Authorized by The Council to be Published in The Evangel.

FULLER DETAILS TO BE GIVEN EACH CHURCH LATER.

Our beloved brethren will remember that the last Assembly authorized the treasurer of each local church to tithe the tithes paid in to him and forward the amount to headquarters. The remaining nine-tenths to be used to supply the needs at home including the overseers. The details of the distribution was authorized by the Assembly to be worked out by the General Overseer and his councilors and put in practice.

In consideration of the above the council gave special attention to this matter in session recently, and after due consideration and careful and prayerful searching of the Bible the following system was adopted, viz: "Let the tithes be tithed and sent to headquarters. Let the remaining nine-tenths be used for the support of the overseers of states, district overseers, pastors and

(love) among yourselves: for charity (love) shall cover a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8.)

Plenty of fervent love will make us able to speak words of edification and comfort instead of words that will tend to cause heartaches and discouragement. There is enough gloom in the world without our causing any more. We must be sunbeams of cheer and blessedness in this world of sorrow. A kind word, a tender hand-shake, a pleasant look and a cheery appearance will go a long way toward edification and comfort. No matter how the world blasphemes the worthy name of God or how people go on in sin and rebellion against Him, He still puts the sunshine to them and the pleasant showers to give them food and the comforts of life.

Truly God's ways are higher than our ways and we must conform to His ways if we would reach perfection, then, we must be so full of love that we can put the sunshine to people we mingle with whether they have done us good or evil. If we are filled with the love of God as we can and should be it will be easy to do all things to the edification and comfort of those with whom we mingle. Our services will be full of edification and comfort instead of a constant fear or dread hanging over us.

Though everything else fails Paul declares that love will never meet with defeat. I believe this with all my heart; and this is the very thing that is causing the Church of God to prosper as it is, and if love rides on every wave and is perched upon all our banners, nothing shall ride over us to crush us down. Love will not go about with a fault-finding spirit and condemning everything that seems to cross its way of thinking. It "thinketh no evil" and does not behave itself in a way to make its possessor disagreeable to others.

Look up, loved one, and hope to the end. It will only be a few days now until our loving Friend and Lord will appear, and it is our desire to appear with Him in glory. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." (Col. 3:5.)

This is the reward that awaits the saints that are filled with the spirit of edification and comfort.

other ministers whose service may be engaged; distributed to each as their position in the church and services rendered may demand.

The distribution to be in the hands of the local churches, with the General Overseer as advisory counsel, whose duty it shall be to keep a careful record at headquarters the amount each minister receives, in order to be prepared to advise with any local church, and assist them in regulating any irregularities.

The surplus to be used for other ministerial purposes, such as opening up new work, assisting work that is not self sustaining, or any other evangelistic work. The work to be under the supervision of the overseer of state, the local church and pastor, with the General Overseer as advisory counsel.

The above is a brief of the system; the full explanation of the details will be furnished each church as soon as printed.

Until further instructed each local church is required to make the monthly reports as already in practice using the blank forms furnished by headquarters for the purpose. Report same for month.

In connection with the financial system the Council decided to furnish all the Bishops, Evangelists, and Deacons engaged in active ministerial work, with report forms so they can make monthly reports to headquarters. The preparation of these report blanks is in the hands of some of the councilors now and as soon as they are completed they will be printed and placed in the hands of the ministers so the full system will be put in operation very soon. Minister's Tithes

Note 1. Further considering the financial question, it was thought best for all ministers to pay their tithes direct to headquarters. The Assembly provided that "ministers in active service for the Church shall tithe the offerings they receive and send same to headquarters, or put it in the local treasury." As the place for placing these tithes is left to the ministers to decide the Council only advises that all ministers pay their tithes to headquarters in connection with the reports they are to send in every month.

Note 2. The council wishes to state that although the ruling of the Assembly provided that it is not necessary for the ministers to tithe the tithes that they receive which have previously been tithed, it was not meant to be so rigid but that one can do so if he wishes.

Note 3. It was thought necessary to give an explanation of the manner of dealing with questions in the Assembly and their disposition and settlement. It has been thought by some that every one in the Assembly has to agree with a measure before it is accepted, and that one person objecting to any measure can kill it. This is not the case. Free and liberal discussions are granted, and the Bible teaching on the subject presented as the speakers understand it, and after reasonable time when the General Overseer obtains the general sentiment of the

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Be sure and read about the financial system in another column.

Foreign Mission day is the 12th of May next time.

Another new booklet now ready for circulation entitled, The Doctrine of Balaam. Price 10 cents.

My soul is running over with gratitude to God for the way He is blessing and prospering His Church. I am truly thankful I am a member.

Please notice the last call for renewal of Evangelist's credentials in another column. Hope every one will attend to this promptly.

There is a call to observe "Mother's day" in the Sunday-schools of our country the second Sunday in May, the same day as set apart for missionary day, but this will not conflict. Mothers can be given due honor and a good collection taken for missions on the same day.

We have been requested to give notice that Jesse Clark is no more a minister nor a member of the Church. We are always sorry to make such reports, but when wrongs are committed and every possible step taken to restore without avail there remains but one thing to do.

Brother J. S. Llewellyn has started this week for Jamaica, via Key West, and Havana, Cuba. This is a missionary journey to establish the Church on several of the British West India Islands. Pray for him.

I never could see where there was any thing gained by preachers or others constantly saying that "the devil can talk in tongues," or "hypocrites can talk in tongues." Such expressions do not seem very edifying, and Paul exhorts us to "let all things be done to edifying."

Some one has noticed our mistake in the Assembly Minutes about the time for the next Assembly. The Assembly will convene on the last day of Oct., this year D. V. and continue in Nov. as usual.

On account of irregularities of freight shipments we are not able to get supplies promptly and this sometimes causes delays in filling orders promptly as we would like. We are always sorry when we cannot fill orders promptly.

Hope every lover of the Evangel will continue to aid us in soliciting subscriptions. We must spread the good news about the Church of God and this is one

good way to do it. Let everybody consider themselves soliciting agents and get all the subscriptions they can. When you want extra papers to hand out we will gladly send them for the asking. Will also take pleasure in furnishing subscription blanks when such are desired and can be used.

Danville, Va.

Dear Readers of The Evangel—May God Bless You Every One:

The dear Lord led me to this city and He has helped me in giving out the Word on the streets, in the homes and also in the hall where we held services.

In Jesus' name we set a Church of God in order with six members. From this number we chose two deacons, a clerk and treasurer. Many more are coming into the church soon.

The Lord has healed a number of sick people here in answer to the prayer of faith.

We have just closed a meeting in one part of the city and are beginning in another.

Sister Dovie Williams of Asheville, N. C., is here helping in the meeting. God is using her in giving out the Word, praying for the sick and giving out interpretations of tongues.

I am looking for a strong church here. A number of people are looking for the whole Word of God and that is what we mean to give. Several are seeking God.

Well, beloved, as we are nearing the end let us all try to pray a little harder and obey the Lord better till He comes or calls.

Yours in the battle,
 E. D. Hopkins.

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To The Household of Faith:

I want to praise God for salvation through the blood of Jesus. Praise His dear sweet name!

When I was seventeen years old, Jesus began to knock at the door of my heart. The enemy of my soul, too, began to work to try to destroy the work of the Spirit. But praise God, he didn't succeed. As I sat and listened at the preaching of the precious Word of God one night, the burden became so heavy I wanted to get free from it. When the brother gave an opportunity to go to the altar I was among the first there. I was so hungry I began to pray and confess and the Lord wonderfully saved me. And that night there was a purpose planted in my heart to serve God all the days of my life and that purpose yet remains, only it is more fixed than ever.

Tonight I have a salvation that keeps me free from sin. Praise His name forever!

I can't hear any preaching here but when I get my Evangel I read it through before I stop. I wish I could get it every day in the week.

May the Lord bless you all. Please pray for me.

Your brother,
 Carson Wilson.

Request.

Brother S. J. Jackson of Armuchee, Ga., is very sick and desires the prayers of the saints.

Testimony.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—God Bless You and All the Evangel Readers:

I think the Evangel is the best paper I ever read; it just suits me. I am glad I ever met the Church of God people.

About thirty-five years ago I was saved and was sanctified as a second blessing. God so blessed me in my soul that I thought I had the baptism of the Holy Ghost and testified to it.

Last autumn I moved to Harrisburg, Ill. I went around to every church in the city trying to get food for my soul, but the

unsanctified preachers could not feed my soul.

I heard of the "Holy Rollers" (?) at Johnson City, so I told my wife I was going to hear them. Bless God! Before I got inside of the house I knew they had the Spirit. I received some soul food there.

Brother Barnett came to this town with a tent. I attended the services and was not long finding out that I never had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as they had on the day of Pentecost.

I thank God that He ever let the light shine upon my pathway. I feel the fire burning in my soul.

Some of my old friends say I have backslidden because I "went off with the tongues people." I think they are mistaken. I have rather gone forward. I just love this way. Thank God! It is the only way to heaven.

I believe we are in the last days. I want to be ready when Jesus comes. I would love to meet Him in the air.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may keep humble at Jesus' feet and do my best for God and souls.

Your brother in Christ,
 Jerry Miller.

Valdosta, Ga.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—May God Bless You All:

I want to sound a note of praise this morning to my dear Lord for keeping and healing me.

While I was at Williston, Florida in a revival I was taken sick. I had fever for seven days and suffered severe pain in my left lung. It seemed like it was more than I could bear.

One day I went to town in a wagon with a man to get my mail and while in the post office I became very ill. I told the gentleman that I had to get to some place to lie down. So I started to the wagon praying as I went. I had no one to pray for me. I got to the wagon but was in so much pain I knew I could not live long in that condition. I said, "Dear Lord, I need your help so much; I can't live without your help." The meeting was on my heart and I said, "Lord, if you want me to preach any more you will have to heal me and if you don't see fit to heal me I want you to take care of my children." I was facing death; I thought sure I was going to die. That night the gentleman at whose home I was stopping said to me:

"Now brother, I am sick myself and I'm going to take one of these pink pills and I want you to take one and get well. I know it will do you good." I replied: "Brother, you take your pill and probably you will get well; I am not going to take any. When you get well you will give the pink pill the glory. I shall get well too, and shall give God the glory."

I do want to thank the Lord for healing me. I praise Him for giving me grace to overcome. I feel good in my soul today.

The Lord is blessing me in my work. Many souls are being saved. I am so glad I am one of His children today.

Always pray for me and mine.

Your brother,
 J. W. Murray.

Notice.

We are expecting to be at Point Texas about May 20, D. V., and to go from there to Paris, Texas, about June 1, at which time we expect to have our meeting for that district. From there we expect to go to Lyra for a meeting in that district.

These meetings are for teaching and general instructions which are necessary for all and especially the officers of the church. I want to ask all of the evangelists, deacons and workers to be present at these meetings. Come praying and expecting a good time from the Lord.

Your unworthy servant,
 Geo. T. Brouayer.

Elders in Council.

J. S. LLEWELLYN.

The meeting of the Elders in council at Cleveland, Tenn., was a time of great blessing and power. All seemed to be at their best. Real unity prevailed.

Many important matters were considered, which, when put into operation, will prove a great blessing to the Church of God in general.

O what a privilege to submit ourselves one to the other in the fear of God! What a heavenly sweetness comes into our souls!

Missions, both home and foreign, claimed considerable attention. Plans were laid for a great forward movement along this line at home and abroad. The interest that the churches are taking in missions is highly appreciated by all concerned, but if we could only hear the cries for help surely we would more than double anything we have ever done. This world must know of the great principles for which we are standing.

The records at headquarters were looked over by some of the Elders and the system of book-keeping considered and found to be consistent with good business and worthy of the respect and confidence of the church in general. The entire office force with glad hearts are rendering good service. A thousand blessings be on all of them.

The Bible School which closed Friday night, April 5, I am sure was a glad surprise to all present. All the students made great progress and eternity alone will tell the results. Surely those over the sea will feel the effect of it.

Great progress is being made along most every line and we have many reasons to be encouraged to move forward and expect this to be the greatest year in the history of the Church of God.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

This morning finds me still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost for which I praise God.

I feel very unworthy and feel that I have done less for the Lord than any of His children, but He has wonderfully blessed me with a witness as clear as the noonday sun that I have been born again and am truly a child of the King.

I am determined to go all the way with the Lord for there is nothing in the world to turn back to. The coming of the Savior is too near at hand to reach out after the things of this world and heap up treasures. Oh! how much better it is to lay up treasures in heaven where they will not vanish as do earthly things.

I feel this morning that I can say like the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, "Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night" for this lost and dying world. This world is in greater trouble and distress than ever before in its history, yet sorrow has just begun. My heart yearns over this lost nation that fails to realize that all these things are pointing to the soon coming of our Lord. People are looking for better times in the future; it is good to have hopes but it is wise to build them on things eternal.

I wish I had words to express how much encouragement I receive in reading the Evangel. Doubtless the writers will have stars in their crowns of which they are not aware and will be surprised when they reach their reward.

I ask the saints to pray that I may be used as an instrument in God's hands in the saving of souls.

Your unworthy sister,
 Maud Medlin.

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brethren, and, like James of old, can feel justifiable in giving his decision based on the Scripture he makes the announcement and the clerks make the record accordingly.

After a proposition is settled in this manner all heartily agree to it and put it into practice on the field in the future. There may have been a few exceptions to this rule, but almost always when any one became selfwilled and rebellious he has met with defeat, and in some cases lost the good spirit of love and put to shame by his own doings. Many have had such holy reverence for the decisions of the Assembly that they have humbly remarked that they would be afraid to speak against the actions of the Assembly, much less refuse to accept and obey them.

Under this rule the great Church of God has prospered until now, and it is constantly growing in favor with God and man like its Founder in His early days. (Luke 2:52.)

When we first began to preach the Church of God about fifteen years ago we had to beg for places to preach, but now there are many many calls for Church of God preachers that we cannot fill. The Annual Assemblies have been wonderful, both in attendance and power. They are almost like the great annual feasts at Jerusalem in the time of Jesus and the Apostles. We have long ago concluded that God is pleased with our manner of doing business or He would not bless the Church so wonderfully and favor us in such a marked manner with His presence.

Notice.

The Alabama State Assembly will convene at Alabama City May 24—26. All who wish to attend are invited. Brother M. S. Lemons will be with us and dedicate the new church on Sunday. A programme will be arranged later.

All ministers are requested to send in subjects for consideration to overseer of state.

THE FLORIDA STATE CAMPMEETING

At Wimauma will begin on May 16, and continue for 10 days.

The Florida preachers are expected to do the preaching.

Beginning on Monday May 20, we expect to have a State Assembly for three or four days. During this time the day services will be given to the discussion of subjects of vital interest to the church and Sunday school work, and the night to evangelistic services.

If there are those who have subjects which they would like to discuss or have discussed during this session, if they will communicate with us at once we will be glad to consider such subjects, and arrange for their discussion in so far as they are in keeping with the spirit and usefulness of the meeting.

The ladies' dormitory will be prepared for the comfort of the ladies, and we expect to fit up a house for the accommodation of the men. These buildings are free to visitors. But every one should bring quilts, sheets, etc., for their own use so far as convenient.

We expect to have a restaurant on the grounds where all can get meals, etc., at reasonable rates.

For any further information relative to the camp meeting write Brother W. S. Caruthers, Wimauma, Fla.

We desire to extend a hearty invitation to all readers of the Evangel to attend this meeting, and let us pray God to make it a great success for Him.

Yours for the fullness,
 Sam C. Perry.

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Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FIFTH SECTION.

Tenn., Ky., Va., W. Va., Pa., Md., Ohio, Ill., Mich., and all other places in the United States not named above.

Be it known to all Evangelists whose membership is in the above named states or any other place in the United States not named above, that on and after May 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

As the year is getting so far along we will not recall credentials from ministers in the Bahama Islands or other foreign countries, and their office will hold good until next Assembly. This is the last call for this year. I hope all will pay attention to it and let us get through with it as quickly as possible.

WE MUST MOVE FORWARD

SAM C. PERRY.

The children of Israel had left Egypt. God was bringing them out with a mighty hand. Everything was moving well. They had traveled seventy-five or one hundred miles and were encamped by the Red Sea.

It was at this point that Pharaoh and his host were about to overtake them, and when the Israelites saw the Egyptians about to overtake them, they were very much distressed and cried out unto the Lord. Moses assured them that God would fight their battles, and that there was no need to fear.

But just at this juncture God said "Move forward." And everything depended on their moving forward too. The Red Sea is to open before them, the pillar of cloud and fire is to guide them, the presence of the Lord is to be with them all the way. He is to feed them miraculously in the wilderness, even with manna from heaven. He is to protect them in the wilderness and take them through safely to the promise land, but all depends on their going forward."

God was able, His promises were faithful and sure, but they had to go forward to realize them. There was full protection and deliverance from all dread and fears, but if they had stood still, they would never have enjoyed that deliverance, they must go on.

And so today God has filled many thousands with His Holy Spirit, they moved out and made a good start, but if we let fear, alarm or persecution, or anything else hinder us, and stop us in our progress in spiritual things, we shall never reach that glorious, heavenly goal to which God is calling us.

It is true many seas of difficulties, and hosts of enemies are around us to intimidate and drive us back, but none of these things can hinder the true and faithful from reaching their desired haven, in the end. Nothing can stop them, they are going through.

This is surely no time to stop and parley over questions that are to no profit, it is no time to cavil about anything, we must move on.

Time is flying, opportunities are soon gone. Doors that are now open will soon close. We are losing time. Souls that should have been saved passed on and out of our reach while we were parleying, contending or finding fault with some who displeased us.

Thousands upon thousands today are indeed being engulfed in the seas of creeds and hosts of formality, who will never cross over and go through to the promise land. There is ever a tendency on the part of the human to drift into formality. It has been so in every dispensation of God's dealing with man, and it is so in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost as well.

Men who have been to Pentecost drift into forms and lose the power of God. We have many examples of this in modern times.

To keep in the safe way where we may make our peace calling and election sure, we must go forward with God. We must keep the freedom and unction of the Holy Ghost.

The children of Israel were not allowed to partake of the ways and fashions of the people about them. There was a careful separation. So God's word to His Spirit-filled, "Be separate." It is indeed a narrow way, but there is no other that leads to the eternal kingdom of blessedness, it is the one that our God has made for us, therefore we gladly embrace it—we want no other.

The things of earth surround us. The ways of other people

may seem more natural and popular than ours, they seem to get along better in the world than we, but it is enough for us to know that we are in the way which our Savior trod, and have His smiles and favor upon us. We fear no trial or difficulty that may come. So long as we keep in the presence of the God of battles all is well.

The seas and streams
At our command give way,
Nor hosts of enemies
Before our march can stay.

We must move on. It took heart searching and earnest seeking to obtain what we have already received, and the great heights and depths which are ahead of us can be reached by no other route.

The way is a way of crucifixion, sacrifice and toil. It is a way which is reached by no ordinary means, but by the whole-hearted, whole-soul way in which the prophets and apostles served God long ago.

The ordinary loose, careless way in which most worshippers serve will not do. That is the way which seemeth right unto a man whereof are the ways of death. Too many travel that way.

To enter into the highest order of Christian service we must go forward. We must go beyond those who are defeated, those who are failures, or those who are missing God's best.

It is not sufficient to live a life that God allows or even favors, but we want His highest approval. The very best is offered us if we will measure up. We must have this or doubtless we shall not gain the high place of honor open to us in the eternal kingdom.

In view of this very thing Saint Paul said, "Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14.

Notice the things which "are behind" must be put away out of mind, the things which are before are now the only object of pursuit. Too many weights and cares will hinder in this race. We are loaded down to the water line, and yet speak of winning a race. We should remember that God even carries the necessary things for this journey, "Cast thy burden on the Lord" is His command, and how many are burdened down until they make no progress in the way.

We must go forward. Then you will have to unload. You will learn that we have a Great Burden Bearer. He will carry you and your burden too, and if He does not, you will fail. No need to go in your own strength. Without Jesus Christ you can do nothing; all of our greatest efforts and display and profession of no value unless the Spirit be in it.

We shall have to learn to walk in the Spirit. How often the brain and muscle are worn out and to little avail, when in the dower of the Holy Ghost the work would have been done easily, successfully, and with pleasure and satisfaction.

We must go forward in the power of the Spirit. Every channel must be open for His operation. Every power of body mind or spirit must be at His disposal, readily, cheerfully.

We must not put our notion and theories ahead of the Spirit, to do so would mean utter wreck, for ourselves and those over whom we may have any influence.

Many are doing this today. The Holy Ghost is crowded out. He does not have right of way. Too many spirits that are hu-

man, and otherwise, are allowed to take His place. These must be put out. The Comforter, the Holy Ghost, will lead you into all truth. Allow nothing to hinder Him and you shall have the full benefits of His presence in your life.

A thousand foes before us stand
And difficulties on every hand
Satan and his hosts in full array
To withstand are in the way.

But what beyond these do I see?
Heaven's gate full wide for me,
And a way so ample and straight
Leads thro' all to this beautiful gate.
So we must press on today,
Nothing shall our progress stay;
For all heaven is looking on
Even angels, Father, Spirit and Son.

Catchings, Miss.

To the Dear Saints of God:

With the greatest interest I have just been looking over the soul stirring letters in the paper and it makes me want to join you as I feel like we are all kin-folks. I know if we are blood-bought we are related. Bless the name of Jesus!

After a severe test I am still on the victory side shouting the praises of God. I have been in my room all evening reading the Word and praying. I find after a close examination that God really approves of me. Glory to His righteous name! It is most blessed to have His smiles upon us.

I was very ill last week for about three days. My chest hurt me so I could not allow the weight of my arms to rest upon it. I kept trusting the Lord for healing but didn't seem to get much better. The saints prayed, too. Finally the enemy suggested his remedies but I said, "Oh, no, if the Lord is through with me here I am ready to go." But I kept praying for God to heal me to His glory and I am well again and at His service.

I love the saints, the church and every ordinance of God better as the days go by, and I have an anxious longing in my heart to see Jesus coming for His bride.

My soul mounts higher. I love Jesus because He wooed me to Himself. Even in childhood His loving voice kept calling me until I came to Him and after a complete surrender He saved me, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gave utterance. I am happy in Him and can say with David, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise."

Your sister in the battle to stay,
Annie W. Tucker.

Binghamton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to sound a note of praise to God through our dear little paper. It brings such food to my soul. I never have the privilege of being with God's people. This is a hard place.

I praise the Lord for saving me from my sins, for sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I trust God for soul and body. The way grows sweeter and brighter to me every day.

I would be glad to hear from any of the sisters.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Thomas Spires.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I am praising God for salvation. I am praising Him for His kindness. One year ago He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and the fire is still burning in my soul. Praise God!

How I do thank God for such love as He gives His children. Hallelujah!
The Lord is wonderfully blessing His children at this place. They have more love and are pressing forward to the glory land.

I want all the saints to pray that I may do the Lord's

will and given up into His hands, for I want to be ready to rise to meet Him when He comes in the air. We know that time is not far away. Let us all stand true, talk less and pray more so we will be ready when He comes to catch away His bride.

Your sister in Christ,
Cynthia Douglas.

Creston, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to write a few words to the precious little paper from which we obtain so much soul food. I just feel that we could not get along without it.

We live away out here in the mountains where there are only a few of the saints but we are holding on to God. Bless His holy name! If there ever was a time when we should hold on to God it is now.

I am so glad I have no desire for the world nor worldly things. I am so glad I ever became humble enough to let Jesus come into my heart to reign and rule. I praise His precious name for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I feel His blessed presence just now.

We are expecting to go to Crab Orchard next Saturday and Sunday at which time we will have the Lord's supper and foot-washing. Brother Goddard is our pastor. We praise the Lord for such a man as he.

I desire the saints to pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost and that my children may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
Mollie Sherrell.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Church, Brockdell, Tenn., \$ 1 90
" Augusta, Ga., 1 22
" Caloho, Miss., 1 25

Home Mission Receipts.

C. G. Cross, Lebanon, Ga., \$ 0 50
Church, Bompas Creek, Ill., 3 60
" Chokoloskee, Fla., 2 02
" Atlanta, Ga., 8 00
" Toonigh, Ga., 2 20
" Campaign, Tenn., 3 00
" McMinnville, " 1 83
" Hiwassee, " 0 75
" Cleveland, " 2 17
" Columbus, Ohio, 1 37
" Johnston, City, Ill., 2 15
" Canton, N. C., 1 50
" Louisville, Ky., 3 25
Mrs. M. C. King, Watertown, N. Y., 1 00
Church, Soddy, Tenn., 2 00
" Parrish, Fla., 1 00
" Cedar Hill, Tenn., 1 41
" Sale Creek, Tenn., 0 12

Mc Minnville, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise God this morning for a deep settled peace in my soul. Bless His name! I am glad to say I still have the Holy Ghost and am trusting God for both soul and body. I praise Him for His healing power. I'm so glad I learned to trust Jesus.

I am so glad I ever learned about the precious way of holiness. The way is despised, but praise God it is the true way and I love it. I am shouting the victory over sin.

Your sister,
Sarah Hale.

Crescent, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad Jesus loved me well enough to save me from my sins. I praise Him for all of His goodness to me. I can feel the love of God burning in my soul.

Oh, dear friends, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus! It means something, too, to follow Christ. I have not been in this way long, but I am determined to go on in the narrow way.

I want to ask the saints to pray for my mother who has been sick three months or longer. I, too, desire your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Sallie White.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God today for His keeping power. I praise Him for the love I have in my heart for all. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I feel the fire burning in my soul today. I am determined to go through.

I want all of the Lord's children to pray for me. I mean to press on for the prize awaits the faithful.

Your brother in Christ,
W. T. Jorden.

Blairsville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name: I am on the victory side, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah to Jesus! I feel the fire burning in my soul as I write.

The church was set in order at R. F. D. No. 1, Blairsville, Ga., March 8, 1918, by Brother Latimer and Brother Chambers. We had a good feast from above. There was great rejoicing among the saints.

We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may stay true and humble at Jesus' feet that God may get glory out of our lives. We want God to be honored and this gospel to go to hungry souls.

Your humble brother,
Lum Ownby.

Bolivar, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad that I can say I am still saved and sanctified and that the Holy Ghost abides.

It is blessed to know that we have a Friend upon whom we can always depend. Glory to His precious name!

My two little girls and myself went through with a bad case of measles. We trusted in Jesus for healing and thank God, He never fails when we are willing to let Him have His way.

I am so thankful to God that I lived to see the light of the gospel as it now shines.

We are in perilous times and we will have to live close to God or we will be deceived, for false teachers are everywhere and would deceive the very elect if it were possible.

I never knew that the children of God loved each other so until I was born again. I can see now why Jesus said that His mother, brother and sister were those who did the will of God.

I am so glad that God sent Brother M. S. Haynes out here with the full gospel and I am so glad I walked in the light. My soul rejoices when I hear him preach. He gives out the Word in its fullness.

Oh! how we need more workers today for the field is white already to harvest. Pray for more workers.

I ask the special prayers of all the saints that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Bessie Thompson.

Clarksville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the privilege of testifying to what the Lord has done for me. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His holy name!

The Evangel is such a blessing to me. It is food for my soul. I am so far away from the Church of God people I never have the privilege of hearing the gospel preached in its fullness.

I am so glad the Lord ever let me hear this gospel. I have often wondered why the preachers didn't use this Scripture: "These signs shall follow them that believe." I understand now. They will not endure sound doctrine.

I have been a member of the Nazarene Church about six years. Since I have accepted this gospel

they will not fellowship me; so I am like a lamb among wolves. I certainly need your prayers.

My heart's greatest desire is to keep in the center of God's will and to walk in all the light as He turns it on. I covet earnestly the prayers of all the saints that I may be used of God in leading some one else into this straight and narrow way.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ella Mobley.

Dahlongega, Ga.

Dear Evangel:

We recently closed a little meeting in Hamilton County, Florida, where the good Lord blessed wonderfully. Six received the Holy Ghost. Among this number were two aged ones, dear Brother Dorman, sixty-four years old, and Sister Oulberth of sixty-eight years. To see these precious elderly people shouting and clapping their hands for joy and their wrinkled faces all aglow with the glory of God was indeed effective. Many were melted to tears as they would testify and thank the Lord for sending them the light.

Though hundreds of miles away, I sob as I write thinking of those precious ones that I love so well.

On our way back to the mountains we stopped over one Sunday at our home church, near Melrose, Ga. Dear Brother Lemons was there. Oh! how the good Lord did let us shout and praise Him. The Lord's people are so good, He alone knows how much I love them.

We all love Brother Aylor, our pastor there. May the good Lord bless him as he cares for the church.

Please pray for us as we are here in the mountains where so much needs to be done. The Lord is blessing. An old gentleman, perhaps seventy years of age, was saved Sunday night.

Humbly,
John L. Stephens.

Cullman, Ala.

Dear Editor:

I want to sound a note of praise to Jesus for allowing me to live long enough to hear a part of the Bible explained.

I am a reader of the Evangel and I'm glad that I am, for I can hardly wait till it comes. It teaches the Bible. When it arrives I have a week's searching of the Bible.

I love to hear Holiness people preach, I love to hear them sing, and above all I love to be in the midst when they pray, for it seems like soul-stirring times.

I would like for the entire Evangel family to pray for me and my wife that we may receive the Holy Ghost and live the Bible way—the only way.

Yours,
V. M. Ragsdale.

Kennedy, Ala.

Dear Saints of God:

I want to thank God this morning for the great plan of salvation. Glory to God! I feel the Pentecostal fire burning in my soul. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise!

It seems that while the world is in trouble and distress we should praise the Lord more and more. Glory to His name! Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity and wave the bloodstained banner of King Immanuel.

Our little church is moving on to victory. Those in charge of the work are giving out the Word as the Lord leads. We are praying for and expecting great things from the Lord this year.

Your humble sister,
Biddie Haney.

UNKNOWN PATHS

Isa. 42:16.

ALLENA C. CROY

I cannot see the way before me,
It seems but a trackless waste;
Yet I know the Father's hand is o'er
me,
In loving-kindness the way is traced.
To be by our loving Father led
Is always better than our choosing,
Through thorny way, or flowery mead,
Is ever gaining never losing.
Oft times to our earth blinded eyes
It seems the hardest way to go;
We fill the way with tears and sighs,
That He who leads should have it so.
When could we read the Father's
ways
And see the loving purpose there,
Our hearts would overflow with praise,
Our voices rise in grateful prayer.

It matters not what His love denies
And withholds from our outstretched
hand,
In each denial a loving heritage lies
Richer and better than our largest
demand.

O do not doubt your loving Father's
care,
Or think He knows not what is best
for thee:
Oft times His denial, from the temp-
ter's snare
Makes your pathway clear and free.

I know 'tis hard to blindly trust
When we wish for this or that so
dear;

But He who gives us all things just
Will give us all we need while here.

Snowville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of
praise for the April 6, issue of
the Evangel. It contains enough
good common sense spiritual food
to be worth the price of the
paper for a whole year. They are
all good, but this one just suits
me. I like articles on example
as well as precept, something
from which we can all derive
spiritual help. I appreciate the
lessons given in our paper from
the Word of God.

I've heard the voice of the
Lord calling me to come and help
reap the harvest and lost souls
are on my heart continually. In
this time of great trouble I feel
that those of us that are called
should lose no time in preparing
ourselves for the conflict, but we
should study the Scriptures pray-
erfully and patiently and be will-
ing to go when and where He
leads.

Instead of hiding our light un-
der a bushel let us put it on a
candle stick and let it shine so
that others may get a glimpse of
the goodness of God.

This is no time to faint by the
wayside, but time to put on the
whole armor of God and not be
defeated by, but defeat the devil
and his army. And listen, it
takes the whole armor to do the
work today. Listen again! You
cannot work for God one day and
for the devil the next day if you
expect to be used of God. I've
had some experience and I know
whereof I speak.

Oh, friends, there is real
pleasure in serving God. His
presence is so sweet. When the
battle is over and the victory is
won it will be blessed to be in
the crowd that helped to win it.
It seems that I could not enjoy
heaven's bliss, if it were even
possible for me to get there, with-
out having helped to fight the
battle against sin in this life.

I do so much want to see others
saved, members of my own
family as well as others. I want
to be able to tell people about
being born of the Spirit. There
are too many people who have
just a "think so" or "hope so"
religion, for those of us who have
been born again to be satisfied
to let them go on thinking that
will save them. We truly know
it will not. We must know we
belong to God by having been
born of the Spirit. If we are
true children of God we will want
to work for the Master.

God bless you all. Pray for
me.
Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. C. W. Covey.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Readers of the Evangel—
Greetings in the Dear Name
of Jesus:

I am saved from sin and happy

in Jesus. Hallelujah! I feel
His presence now while I write.
Praise God!

A few weeks ago we were re-
quested to go to Woodbury, N.J.
to pray for a woman whom the
doctor said could not live as she
was a victim of tuberculosis. But
praise God, when we got there
and sang and prayed about
thirty minutes the Lord healed
her. She leaped out of bed,
shouted and praised God. This
was the first time she was able
to get out of bed for thirty days.
A Methodist preacher told me
that when he saw her walking
into the church and perfectly
well, he thought he had seen a
spirit, he could not believe his
eyes.

I thank God for giving us an-
other church in Nicetown, Phil-
adelphia, Pa., at 3955 German-
town Ave. Nine members were
enrolled.

I praise God for what He is
doing and for what He is going
to do for us.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Him,
C. F. Bright.

Fruitland Park, Florida.

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greet-
ings in the Name of our Lord
and Savior, Jesus:

I want to praise God for His
wonderful plan of salvation. He
saved and sanctified and gave
me the blessed Comforter accom-
panied by the Bible evidence as
at Acts 2:4. He still abides,
praise God!

I often think we do not know
how to half appreciate the great
blessings of salvation as we
should. And to think God's plan
is for all if they would only ac-
cept Jesus and follow Him. Truly
God is no respecter of persons.

I praise God for health and
strength, for wondrously deliver-
ing me in childbearing as prom-
ised in His Word. What glori-
ous promises He has made to
those who love and serve Him.
Let us all trust Him more and
more as we see the day of His
coming approaching.

Truly this is a time when we
all need more grace and divine
love, when we should all work
together in harmony and make
a deeper consecration than ever
before. We should not grieve or
draw back because of persecution,
when Jesus says "Rejoice and be
exceeding glad." This is God's
plan, not ours, and if they do
persecute us we need make no
apologies for God's ways.

Please pray for me that I shall
stay humble and obedient to God
at all times doing His will, and
that my husband may receive the
Holy Ghost as he is so desir-
ous to receive Him. We are
members of the Church of God
and we certainly do enjoy read-
ing the Evangel each week; it is
spiritual food.

When you have read your
Evangel, don't destroy it but
hand it to someone to read.
May God bless all His children
everywhere.

One of the least of His,
Mrs. D. S. Annis.

Rumsey, Ky.

On March 15, 1917 Brother
J. A. Rich came to the Knobs
and began a meeting. At that
time I was as mean as the devil
wanted me to be. Though only
seventeen years of age I was
a cigarette smoker and whiskey
drinker and would mock the
Holiness people.

But today I am cleaned up and
on the battlefield for God. A
year ago last Easter Sunday
seventeen were baptized in
Green river and I was one of the
number. A few days later I re-
ceived the baptism of the Holy
Ghost and spoke with other
tongues as at Acts 2:4.

A little later Brother Rich
told us about the Church of God
and I marched in and am con-
tinuing in the apostles' doc-
trine.

I have forsaken all, have taken
up my cross and am following
Jesus. Some day I expect to

stand with the redeemed of earth
over on the other shore.

I desire the prayers of the
saints that I may stay in the
center of God's will.

Your brother in Christ,
Emit Danies.

Bight, Long Island, Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We thought it our duty to
make a little collection to help
with the burial expenses of
Brother Buckalew since we have
heard about his death. We have
never seen him but we believed
him to be our dear brother in
the Lord.

The saints were quite willing
to drop in their little mite and
we have reached the amount of
eleven dollars (\$11.00.)

Dear Brother, pray for us here
at the Bight that we may be
ready for every good work. I
feel encouraged to go on.

Your brother in Christ,
Lawrence R. Darville.

[This amount is very greatly
appreciated in assisting to de-
fray the funeral expenses of
Brother Buckalew. I believe
God will reward the saints that
contributed. This does not pay
the entire bill, but we do not ask
for any more.]

God bless the dear faithful
saints at the Bight for showing
their love for Brother Buckalew.
When we visited Long Island
Brother Buckalew was on their
shore probably an hour. We
stopped off there expecting to
have a meeting but were hin-
dered, so all we did was to offer
a few prayers. But since that
time God has done great things
for the people there.—Ed.]

PRIDE AND HUMILITY

PERRY W. HADSOCK

"When pride cometh then
cometh shame: but with the
lowly is wisdom."—Prov. 11:2.
"Before destruction the heart of
man is haughty, (proud) and be-
fore honour is humility."—Prov.
18:12. "A man's pride shall
bring him low: but honour shall
uphold the humble in spirit."—
Proverbs 29:23.

The best definition we can find
of the word "pride" is "great self-
esteem;" "haughtiness." The
best definition we can find of the
word "humility" is "the state or
quality of being humble;" "mod-
esty;" "self-abasement."

Though the wise man linked
them closely together, there is
quite a contrast in the two words.
He knew God and His dealings
with man, also man and his na-
ture. He knew that when pride
creeps in man goes to the bottom
before he knows how things hap-
pened.

Pride is something that can-
not be kept hidden; it will sure-
ly show itself.

Pride is one of the many snares
Satan has to entrap God's chil-
dren today. Why? The time
once was when all were little in
their own eyes, humble at the
feet of Jesus. You never heard
them talking about what "I did,"
but they gave God and the Holy
Ghost all the honor to whom all
honor is due.

But pride, oh, that monster
demon! he seizes so many and
what is to be their end? "Where-
fore he saith, God resisteth the

proud, but giveth grace unto the
humble."

We often hear this expression:
"I don't see why it is that we
(they should say I) can't have
the victory and good meetings
like we once did." We admit
that the days are darker and
more trials and tests are upon
us, but God is the same, He has
never changed. His power is
sufficient to do mighty wonders.
He is working mightily, but
through the humble.

Now this pride demon is very
easily located. It has fruits or
results. "He that is of a proud
heart stirreth up strife."—Prov-
erbs 28:25. One possessed with
this demon can tear down more
than two can keep built up, be-
sides bringing shame to himself.
No matter how high one has
soared, his pride will bring him
low.

But not so with humility. As
long as one stays humble he is
gaining ground, for he is to be
honored, grace is to be bestowed
upon him.

Jesus is our pattern. He was
humble enough to leave His
throne and come to this world
and suffer and die that you and I
might live. His humility exalt-
ed Him above the angels.

Humility! "The fear of the
Lord is the instruction of wisdom
and before honour is humility."—
Prov. 15:33. "By humility and
the fear of the Lord are riches,
and honour, and life."—Prov.
22:4. We would like to have
riches, honor and most of all,
life; it all comes by being hum-
ble. Seek to edify and help oth-
ers, shun "big I" and see results.
Pride casteth down. Humility
lifteth up.

Humble thyself and the Lord will
draw near thee;
Humble thyself and His presence
shall cheer thee.

He will not walk with the proud and
the scornful;
Humble thyself to walk with God.

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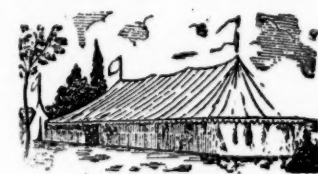
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